(d) The number of employees in Bharat Gold Mines Ltd. as on 1-1-1985 is 12699.

(e) Yes, Sir. During the VIIth Plan efforts would be made for location of new areas and for multi-disciplinary exploration in the identified areas. For the locations of primary ore prospects, integrated geological, geochemical and geophysical surveys are planned. Stream sediment sampling will be done to locate placer deposits. Geological Survey of India plans to undertake a total of 30,000 metres of drilling for gold investigation during VIIth plan period subject to the finalisation of the VIIth Plan.

Strike in Bokaro Steel Plant

118. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 660 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th May, 1985 and state:

(a) whether the strike by the workers of Bokaro Steel Plant has since been called off;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) what was the production loss due to the strike; and

(d) what steps are being taken by Government to improve industrial relations amongst the management and workers at the Plant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL (SHR K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The strike was called off from 13th May, 1985 as a result of an agreement between management and workers to refer the following matters for arbitration by the Labour Commissioner, Bihar:—

(1) Review of incentive scheme for the workmen of Blast Furnace (Operations) Department within the norms prescribed by SAIL.

(2) Review of manpower of Blast Furnace (Oeperations) Department within the norms prescribed by SAIL.

(3) Review of line of promotion of Blast Furnace (Operations) Department within the norms prescribed by SAIL.

(c) During the strike period of April 5 to May 12, 1985 the Bokaro Steel Plant lost production of about 1.5 lakh tonnes of hot metal and about 53,000 tonnes of saleable steel.

(d) Apart from this strike, the industrial relations at the plant have by and large been peaceful in the past on account of harmonious relations between the Plant Management and the Unions. This is evident by the man-days lost due to industrial relations and consequent production losses during the last five years as given below:—

Year	Man-days losses due to IR		Production losses due to IR	
	Mandays	As %age of man-days available.	Saleable Steel production lost (tonnes)	As %age of saleable steel production.
1980-81	16,721	0.127	9,456	1.120
1981-82	12,249	0.089	15,354	1.043
1982-83	1,686	0.011	1,256	0.082
1983-84	2,246	0.015	7,639	0.593
1984-85	15,316	0.097	15,147	1.038